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1. THE INITIAL SCAN OF OLD HEAD MISSION G-161, 18 DECEMBER 1970, OVER CUBA, REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE HAVANA AREA WAS COVERED ONCE BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF FAIR INTERPRETABILITY WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS. SOVIET NAVAL VESSELS OBSERVED AT HAVANA PORT AT 1440Z INCLUDED AN UGRA-CLASS SUBMARINE TENDER (AS), AN UDA-CLASS NAVAL OILER (AO), AND THE SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS) [REDACTED]

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B. AN ASW EXERCISE INVOLVING SOVIET AND CUBAN SHIPS WAS APPARENTLY UNDERWAY APPROXIMATELY EIGHT NAUTICAL MILES NORTH OF THE ENTRANCE TO MARIEL HARBOR, AT 1437Z. THE SHIPS INVOLVED WERE A SOVIET F CLASS TORPEDO ATTACK SUBMARINE (SS), A KASHIN-CLASS GUIDED MISSILE FRIGATE (DLG), THREE CUBAN S.O.1 SC, AND A KRONSTADT-CLASS SUBMARINE CHASER (PC). THE SUBMARINE WAS DEAD IN THE WATER, AND THE KASHIN DLG AND THE CUBAN SHIPS WERE UNDERWAY IN THE VICINITY.

C. THE CIENFUEGOS AREA WAS COVERED BY PHOTOGRAPHY OF GOOD INTERPRETABILITY WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS. THE TWO SPECIAL-PURPOSE BARGES REMAINED AT CIENFUEGOS NAVAL BASE, AND THE OKHTENSKIY-CLASS RESCUE TUG (ATR) REMAINED AT O'BURKE PIER.

2. THE MISSION SCAN CONTINUES, AND THE IPIR CABLE WILL FOLLOW.

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